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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/500,991; Filed: February 15, 2000  
For: **Compounds Modulating Sister Chromatid Separation and Method for  
Identifying Same**  
Inventors: Uhlmann *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 along with Exhibits 1 & 2;
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the extension of time fee; and
4. Return postcard.

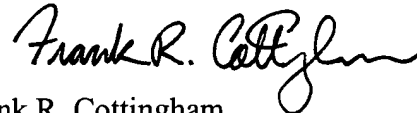
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